

WAUSAU, WI – Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) was in Wausau today to be briefed on Green Bay Packaging's design and development of a compostable, recyclable fiberboard material for shipping containers that will be used by the Department of Defense to safely transport and store food and other military items. Obey secured \$2 million in federal funds for the project.

"Green Bay Packaging is known for its innovative packaging solutions. This project has the potential to not only reduce the weight of supplies and minimize the environmental footprint of DOD food packaging systems, but also to keep good jobs in Wausau," Obey said.

The Army, Air Force and Marine Corps consume approximately 46.6 million operational rations each year, generating 14,117 tons of packaging waste. The current packaging system contains significant amounts of metal, plastic, glass, and other non-environmentally friendly components. Green Bay Packaging's system will be toxic-free, soy-infused, compostable and highly durable.

Green Bay Packaging – Wausau division is a subsidiary of Green Bay Packing, Inc., a privately owned, diversified manufacturer of paperboard packaging. The Wausau division employs approximately 175 people.

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